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[0001] Applicant will submit forthwith an updated declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, declaring that the claimed invention was conceived prior to May 12, 2003, the effective filing date of U.S. Publication No. US2004/0243543 to Jeffrey Snover (hereinafter, the "Snover Publication"). Therefore, the Snover Publication is not a valid reference under 35 U.S.C 102. Accordingly, the § 102 rejections of claims 1-11 and 13-23 are moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that such rejections be withdrawn.